HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 5258 of 2002

Dated 04.07.2007

Between:

Sri Rama Sri Kanyaka Parameswari Sri Nagareswara Sway Varla Alayamula Dharmakartala Sangham.

…Petitioner

and

Govt. of A.. and others.

…Respondents

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O R D E R:

Petitioner seeks a declaration that it is not liable to pay the contribution charges under Section 65(2) of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1988 (for short 'the Act') as amended through Act 34 of 1997. The petitioner contends that it is not covered by the provisions of the Act and it cannot be subjected to levy of contribution charges.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Endowments.

Two developments have taken place, subsequent to the filing of the writ petition. The first is that the Government issued G.O.Ms.No.1572, Revenue (Endowments.1/1) Department, dated 24.10.2006 exempting Sri Shiridi Sai Baba Temples and Sri Kanyaka Parameswari Temples in the State from levy of contribution charges. The petitioner is one such temple. The second development is that the petitioner filed O.A.No.60 of 2002 before the Deputy Commissioner of Endowments, Krishna District challenging the levy of contribution charges. Though the O.A. was dismissed on 20.06.2004, the appeal filed against it, being A.S.No.169 of

2004, before the learned District Judge, Machilipatnam on 20.11.2006 was allowed. Therefore, the grievance of the petitioner stands redressed and nothing remains to be decided in the writ petition.

The Writ Petition is accordingly closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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